

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of North Dakota

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

THOMAS JEREL GRACE

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: 1:16-cr-041

USM Number: 15450-059

Paul Jared Merkens

Defendant's Attorney

## THE DEFENDANT:

☒ pleaded guilty to count(s) One (1) of the Indictment.☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
which was accepted by the court.☐ was found guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

| <u>Title &amp; Section</u> | <u>Nature of Offense</u> | <u>Offense Ended</u> | <u>Count</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 18 USC §§ 1112 & 1153      | Involuntary Manslaughter | December 6, 2015     | 1            |

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 6 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_☐ Count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ is ☐ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

March 6, 2017

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

Daniel L. Hovland

U.S. Chief District Judge

Name and Title of Judge

Date

March 7, 2017

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## IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:

**72 MONTHS.**

☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

**The Court recommends the Defendant be placed at a low-security correctional facility located as close as possible to North Dakota, to remain close to family, specifically FPC Duluth in Duluth, MN; FCI Sandstone in Sandstone, MN; or FPC Yankton in Yankton, SD.**

☒ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

☐ at \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

☐ before 2 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

## RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

a \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of :

**3 YEARS.**

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

- ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☒ The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☒ The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☐ The defendant shall comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (42 U.S.C. § 16901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which he or she resides, works, is a student, or was convicted of a qualifying offense. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☐ The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(Check, if applicable.)*

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the court or probation officer;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

1. The defendant shall totally abstain from the use of alcohol and illegal drugs, including synthetic drugs, or the possession of a controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S.C. Section 802 or state statute, unless prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner; and any use of inhalants.
2. The defendant shall be prohibited from entering any establishment where alcohol is the primary item of sale.
3. The defendant shall participate in a drug/alcohol dependency treatment program as approved by the supervising probation officer.
4. The defendant shall submit to drug/alcohol screening at the direction of the U.S. Probation Officer to verify compliance. Failure or refusal to submit to testing can result in mandatory revocation. Tampering with the collection process or specimen may be considered the same as a positive test result.
5. The defendant shall submit to regular electronic alcohol monitoring, which may include a Sobrieter breathalyzer, transdermal alcohol sensing bracelet, or other device. Defendant shall review and sign a program agreement provided by the Probation Office and shall follow the procedures specified by the Probation Officer. Defendant shall pay all costs associated with the program, unless the Probation Officer determines the defendant is financially unable to pay.
6. The defendant shall participate in mental health treatment/counseling as directed by the supervising probation officer.
7. The defendant shall participate in a program aimed at addressing specific interpersonal or social areas, for example, cognitive skills, family counseling, at the discretion of the supervising officer.
8. As directed by the Court, if during the period of supervised release the supervising probation officer determines the defendant is in need of placement in a Residential Re-Entry Center (RRC), the defendant shall voluntarily report to such a facility as directed by the supervising probation officer, cooperate with all rules and regulations of the facility, participate in all recommended programming, and not withdraw from the facility without prior permission of the supervising probation officer. The Court retains and exercises ultimate responsibility in this delegation of authority to the probation officer. See *United States v. Kent*, 209 F.3d 1073 (8th Cir. 2000).
9. The defendant shall complete 100 hours of community service in speaking to junior high and high school students in the New Town and surrounding area about this case and the consequences of drunk driving, as directed by the supervising probation officer.
10. Until court-ordered obligations are paid, the defendant shall be prohibited from opening any new lines of credit with the prior approval of the supervising probation officer.
11. Until court-ordered obligations are paid, the defendant shall disclose his financial situation at the request of the supervising probation officer.
12. The defendant shall submit his person, residence, workplace, vehicle, computer, and/or possessions to a search conducted by a United States Probation Officer based upon evidence of a violation of a condition of supervision. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation, additional criminal charges, and arrest. The defendant shall notify any other residents that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition.

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### CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

|               | <u>Assessment</u> | <u>Fine</u> | <u>Restitution</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>\$ 100.00</b>  | <b>\$</b>   | <b>\$ 7296.24</b>  |

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until \_\_\_\_\_. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☒ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

| <u>Name of Payee</u>                | <u>Total Loss*</u> | <u>Restitution Ordered</u> | <u>Priority or Percentage</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>New Town Community Ambulance</b> |                    | <b>\$496.24</b>            |                               |
| <b>PO Box 974</b>                   |                    |                            |                               |
| <b>Mandan, ND 58554</b>             |                    |                            |                               |
| <b>Brent Tveter</b>                 |                    | <b>\$1,800.00</b>          |                               |
| <b>New Town, ND 58763</b>           |                    |                            |                               |
| <b>Three Affiliated Tribes</b>      |                    | <b>\$5,000.00</b>          |                               |
| <b>404 Frontage Road</b>            |                    |                            |                               |
| <b>New Town, ND 58763</b>           |                    |                            |                               |

|               |           |             |           |                 |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>7,296.24</b> |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|

☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

☒ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☒ the interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☒ restitution.

☐ the interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A ☒ Lump sum payment of \$ 7,396.24 due immediately, balance due
- ☐ not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or  
☒ in accordance ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☒ F below; or
- B ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C ☐ Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D ☐ Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F ☒ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

**All criminal monetary payments are to be made to the Clerk's Office, U.S. District Court, P.O. Box 1193, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58502-1193.**

**While on supervised release, the Defendant shall cooperate with the Probation Officer in developing a monthly payment plan consistent with a schedule of allowable expenses provided by the Probation Office.**

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

☐ Joint and Several

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☐ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.